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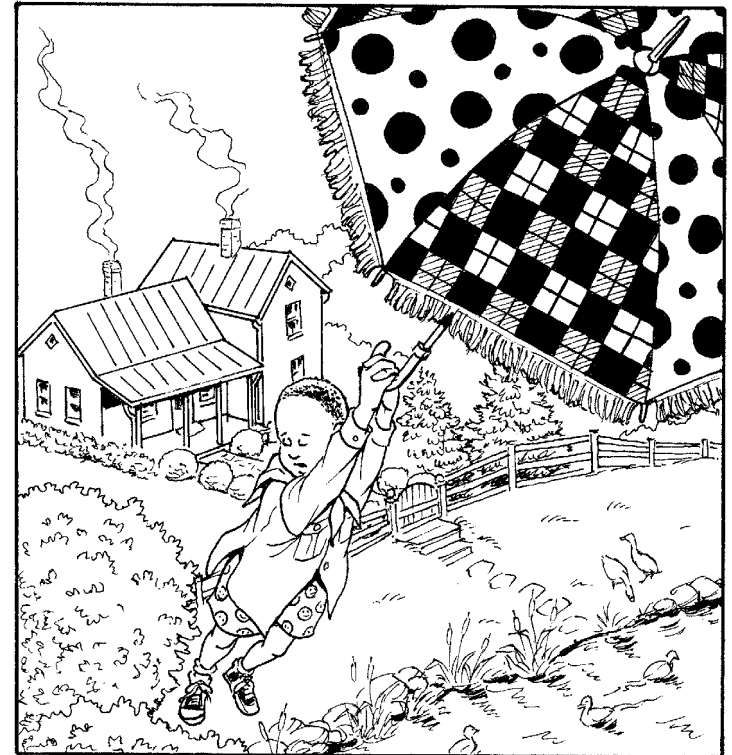
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WORDS USED IN THIS BOOK

High-utility words:

1-100 the, was, for, to, said, on, and, it, his, they, he, of, that, but, a, in, had, at, out, as, with, be, then, have, all, go, down, do, get, so, could, see, when, one, will, did, big, now, very, went, an, into, came, want, don't, take, too, saw

101-200 let, after, again, cold, off, who, soon, use, under, pull, cut, run, hot, because

U words:

sunny, Buddy, cub(s), clubhouse, fun, until, lunch, sun, hurried, umbrella, ugly, cup, run, unlucky, unpopular, use, tucked, under, gust, suddenly, up, Dustin, pull(ed), but, underpants, uncle('s), underneath, understood, urgent, cut, upside-down, bump, unfortunately, duck, muddy, upset, furry, rug, mug, bun, unhappy

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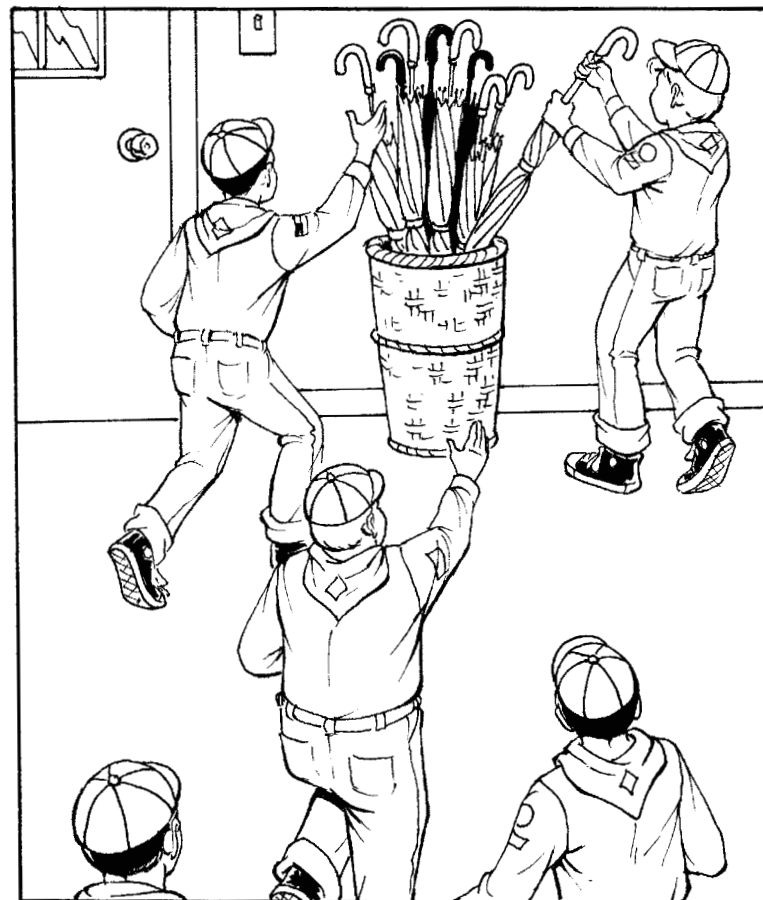
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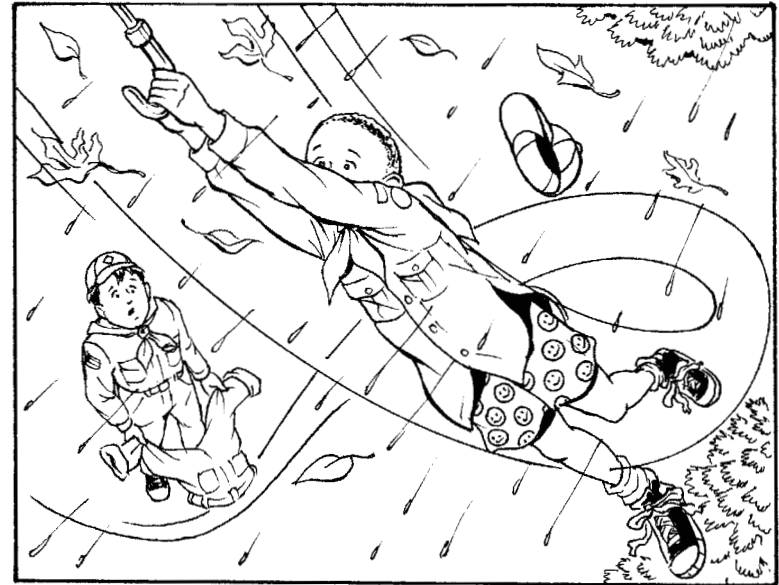


It was sunny when Buddy went to Cub Scouts at the clubhouse. The Cubs had a lot of fun until it was time to go home for lunch.



When they looked outside, the sun had gone and it was pouring rain. Everyone hurried to the umbrella stand to grab an umbrella. None of the Cubs wanted to be left with the big, ugly umbrella.

Buddy was finishing a cup of water, so he didn't run to the umbrella stand with everyone else. Buddy knew that he'd be the unlucky one who had to take the unpopular, ugly umbrella, but he'd have to use it because he didn't want to get wet. He tucked the umbrella under his arm and went outside.



As soon as Buddy opened up the ugly umbrella, a gust of wind suddenly blew under the umbrella and took Buddy up into the air. Buddy's friend, Dustin, grabbed Buddy's legs to pull him back down, but his jeans came off in Dustin's hands. Buddy was left in his underpants, and the umbrella continued to take him up and up, higher and higher.

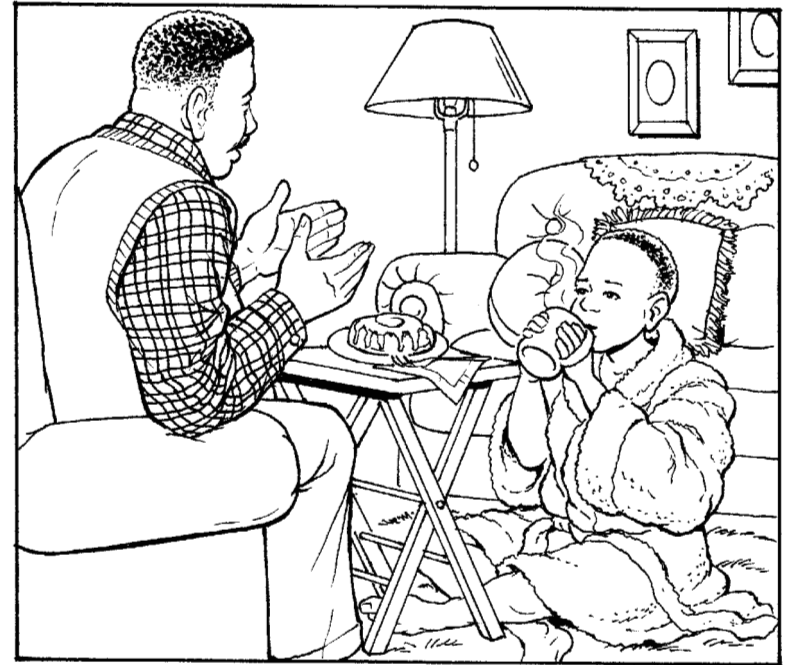


Buddy was scared, but he couldn't let go of the umbrella because he was too high up in the sky. Buddy looked down and saw his uncle's house way underneath him. He understood it was urgent that he do something quickly.

Buddy had an idea. He pulled out his Cub Scout pocketknife and cut into the ugly umbrella. Suddenly, he was falling through the air. He was upside down, tangled in the broken umbrella.



He splashed to Earth with a bump and then, unfortunately, he tumbled into his uncle's duck pond. He was wet, cold, muddy, and very upset. It was all the fault of the ugly umbrella.



Buddy's uncle helped him out of the muddy duck pond and took him into his house. Buddy was soon sitting on a furry rug with a mug of hot milk and a big sticky bun on the table in front of him. "Don't be unhappy," said Buddy's uncle. "Now none of the Cubs will have to take the big, ugly umbrella ever again."